## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An operating environment of an image forming apparatus 3 is judged, and a program list which indicates programs which can be operated in this operating environment is generated by a server 1. The program list is then supplied to the image forming apparatus 3, and the server 1 is requested to transmit a program selected from the program list. The program is then supplied to the image forming apparatus 3 from the server 1. That is, a program is selected from the program list which indicates programs which are judged to be operable in the operating environment of the image forming apparatus 3. Thereafter, the program is supplied to the image forming apparatus 3.